

REMARKS

In a January 30, 2008 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-25, drawn to compounds of formula I and compositions comprising the same.
- II. Claim 26, drawn a method of treating pain using the compounds of formula I.


Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I, claims 1-25, drawn to compounds of formula I and compositions for prosecution in this application. Applicants submit that a search of the system of Group I would uncover the method of Group II. Applicants respectfully request the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claim.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 14-17 and 24 have been amended. Claim 26 is withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-25 are in this application. Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found throughout the specification and in particular on page 7, lines 3-5. No new matter has been entered.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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